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Title: SPRAY-DRYING INSTALLATION AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the gas is circulated.
6. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the circulated gas is freed from particles by filters and re-fed to the spray nozzles or heated and introduced into the fluidized bed.
7. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the gas is freed from particles with the aid of dynamic filters.
8. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the liquid media used have different compositions at different points of the plant.

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Concluded

9. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that that particle sizes of from 50 to 1000 μm can be established specifically by varying the parameters spray pressure, amount of liquid, ~~amount of powder returned, hot-air stream and temperature of the hot air.~~
